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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Intermediate school districts; local education agencies, including public school academies; institutions of higher education; professional organizations; private profit and non-profit organizations, including parent and advocacy organizations; and other interested parties

**FROM:** Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*  
Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Availability of Request for Proposal for Mandated Activities Projects under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

The State Board of Education has approved criteria for the following mandated activities projects: Michigan's Integrated Improvement Initiative, Michigan Mathematics Program Improvement, and Michigan's Integrated Technology Supports.

**Purpose:** The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act requires state education agencies to have in place effective general supervision systems that provide information dissemination; training and technical assistance; personnel development for administrators, teachers, related services providers, parents, and others regarding research, evidence-based practices, and requirements of law. The IDEA authorizes use of funds for these provisions under Section 1411(e)(2)(C)(i) and (v).

The purpose of this grant is to implement and fully operationalize programs and services that will improve mathematics instruction that benefits all learners with a focus on students with disabilities; provide research-based and implementation strategies for Universal Design for Learning principles and strategies, including assistive technology; and improve compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements. Each of these Mandated Activities Projects is identified as targeted improvement strategies in the State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report submitted to the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs.

**Funding:** The total amount of the projects is up to \$3,125,000 per year.

Michigan's Integrated Improvement Initiative	\$1,500,000
Michigan Mathematics Program Improvement	\$ 600,000
Michigan's Integrated Technology Supports	\$1,025,000

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**Proposal Due Date:** Monday, June 30, 2008 by 5:00 p.m.

**Project Duration:** Each project's duration is anticipated to be October 1, 2008, or upon award, through September 30, 2009 for the initial funding period, contingent upon the State Superintendent for Instruction's approval. Funding may continue for up to five years, based on satisfactory performance and availability of federal funds.

**Eligibility:** Intermediate school districts; local education agencies, including public school academies; institutions of higher education; professional organizations; private profit and non-profit organizations; including parent and advocacy organizations; others with a demonstrated experience in providing the services requested.

**Application:** To receive a copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for this project, please contact Ms. Lori Higgins at (517) 241-4035 or access it at our website: <http://www.michigan.gov/mde>

The MDE-OSE/EIS is seeking a grantee(s) to serve primarily as the fiscal agent(s) and be responsible for facilitating the funding mechanism for the services and activities surrounding these projects. The grantee(s) (successful bidder(s)) will provide fiscal management for these services and activities as coordinated through the OSE/EIS. It is the Department's intent to continue the work of the current projects utilizing as many of the current project's staff as possible to ensure continuity and adherence to stated OSE/EIS goals and objectives. Therefore, due to a conflict of interest, current project staff should not be involved in the preparation and/or submission of a proposal to the OSE/EIS.

If you have any questions regarding the competitive bid procedures, process, purpose or intent of the project(s), please contact Mr. John Andrejack at (517) 241-4035.